CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: InFamous

Other known title(s): Infamous

OFLC ref: 0901194.000

Medium: Console Game

Distributor: Sony Computer Entertainment

Country of origin: United States

Language: English

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification:	Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: Contains violence.

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 28 October 2009

Date of direction to issue a label: 27 October 2009

	Components	**Running time**
Feature(s):	InFamous	
Total running time:		

Summary of reasons for decision:

The depictions of violence in the game are fantastical and unrealistic, and easily recognisable as such by players of all ages. Some of the anti-social and violent acts are likely to affect younger players. However, the game requires considerable skill to manipulate the character around the environments and it is arguable that the fast paced interactive nature of the game results in the player focussing on manipulating the controls in order to win the game rather than focussing on the depictions of crime and violence. Therefore the publication is unlikely to be injurious to the public good, but is more suitable for mature game players.

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